

As a Flight Attendant, I am very against the allowance of cell phone usage while an aircraft is in the air. First of all, there is no hard evidence that cell phone use doesn't interfere with navigational instruments. Secondly, and more importantly in this day and age when we are doing all in our power to thwart terrorism, cell phone use could enable terrorists to coordinate a plan of action more effectively. Thirdly, the NPRM would leave it up to flight attendants to police the use of cell phones onboard the aircraft compromising our ability to maintain a safe, secure cabin environment and to conduct emergency evacuations. Finally, it would make an already tense cabin environment even more stressful. It's bad enough in the gate room where you can walk away. Imagine being surrounded by loud conversations for an entire four hour flight!!! This is not a sane idea. There are phones available on most flights for those who really want them. That's enough. No one needs this convenience enough to make up for all the potential harm it could bring. I can only see it endangering a flight and those onboard.